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My dear Professor Goldwitzer,

Your letter of the 27th of February came just as I was about to thank you for the copy of your masterly notice of Hou Tsinart. I am reading it with much pleasure and profit and shall certainly write a short review of it for the New York Nation. Only, in that notice, on account of the nature of the periodical, I shall not be able to enter upon any details; for the Nation I must take hold of things on the popular side.

I rejoice greatly that you will lecture in English and I have no doubt that you will be perfectly intelligible. You are right, too, I am certain, in preparing

a popular paper. I do not believe
you will find half a dozen men
at St Louis who know anything
of Islam in a technical way.

But I have been reading two
other papers of yours of late in
the last volume of the French
Encyclopedie. I conjecture that
you were greatly pressed for
space and I trust that the
editors did not cut down what
you wrote. As you may have
noticed I began in that Encyclop.
edie a series of articles on
Old Testament subjects in Islam
but had to abandon them with
the article on Bible in Islam.
The editors cut and modified
my articles to such a degree that
I could not be responsible for
them. With you of course, I
have no doubt that they would
deal differently. But what
interested more than anything
was the little life of you in

that volume. I trust it is
correct. You must have made
an amazingly early start to
have taken your doctorate and
begun your life-work at twenty.
Your plea for your Hungarian
articles is thoroughly sound; you
cannot help yourself. But when
will you publish some volumes
of collected Kleinere Schriften
including your Hungarian papers
translated? You will have
to come to it sometime. I pick
up everything of yours that I
can find, and the great oriental
journal are, of course, accessible
to me, but there are many of
your papers which still elude
my search. And there must be
many with the same desires
as I.

There has just come to me for
review a History of the Moorish
Empire in Europe, in three large
volumes each of 700 pages, which
only this country could have

produced. It is by a certain
S. P. Scott, otherwise unknown to
me. He gives a large number of
pages of bibliography, very inaccurate
and mostly antiquated; then
2000 odd pages of history without
a single authority or reference.
I shall go all right. I shall
have to review it I don't know;
unless my review also can be
sent down. But it again brings
to me the question which I shall
have to treat at St Louis as the
greatest problem. To my mind still
remaining in the history of Slavery—
Why did Slavery fail? How was
it impossible for it to enjoy a
continuous, abiding development?
What was the fatal lack which
lay apparently in its very essence?
You are a Jew and I a Christian
but I suspect that the answer
will not find us far apart.
Wm. Macdonald sends her best
regards and looks forward to meeting
you in the autumn. I trust you will
let me know in time when you will